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IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY BASED ON REFTEL:

1. WRITERS' UNION PRESIDENT TEODORESCU INFORMED US TODAY THAT UNION WISHES TO SEND TWO WRITERS FOR WORKSHOP BY OCTOBER 1. NAMES AND BIO WILL BE SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY "VERY SOON", ACCORDING TO TEODORESCU. THESE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

2. RE ENGLE'S INVITATION TO RAU, TEODORESCU CONTINUES TO PLAY CAT AND MOUSE GAME ABOUT "PERSONAL" VS "OFFICIAL" INVITATION BY INSISTING ON OUR INTERPRETATION AS TO WHETHER IT IS "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK" OF THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. HE CONTINUES TO STRESS REFERENCE TO FACT THAT RAU DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. SINCE AGREEMENT IS WRITTEN THROUGHOUT AS AN ENABLING --I.E., NOT RESTRICTIVE--DOCUMENT, WE INTERPRET TEODORESCU'S PLOY AS MEANING UNION DOES NOT LOOK FAVORABLY UPON AND IS NOT ENCOURAGING RAU'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS ENGLE WISHES TO EXTEND INVITATION DIRECTLY TO RAU IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PARTICIPATION OF THREE WRITERS -- IE, IN ADDITION TO THE TWO WE ARE EXPECTING THE UNION TO NOMINATE -- WE SUGGEST ENGLE KEEP THE INVITATION IN SUSPENSE AND RESURFACE IT AT A LATER

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DATE, IF RAU PARTICIPATION STRONGLY DESIRED.

3. WE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH UNION IN EFFORT TO
SPRING THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND ENGLE'S FLEXIBLE RESPONSES WHICH
SHOULD ASSURE ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT
PROGRAM THIS YEAR.
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